

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 00303 121413Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PM-04 /024 W  
-----121458Z 017967 /47

R 121305Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9789  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MADRID  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMCONSUL OPORTO  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA  
USMISSION NATO  
DIA WASHDC  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER  
HQSC CINCUSAFE

CONFIDENTIAL LISBON 0303

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MORG PINT PO  
SUBJECT: AIR FORCE CHIEF SWORN IN

SUMMARY: GENERAL LEMOS FERREIRA WAS SWORN IN JAN 10 AS AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF. HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE FROM ALL THREE SERVICES AND EANES'S DEFENSE OF BREVET PROMOTIONS LAID TO REST, AT LEAST PUBLICLY, WORRIES THAT MORAIS'S RESIGNATION WOULD AGGRAVATE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE OVER BREVET PROMOTION ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. LEMOS FERREIRA TAKES OFFICE: PRESIDENT RAMALHO EANES SWORE IN NEW AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL LEMOS FERREIRA JAN 10.

IN A CEREMONY ATTENDED BY CHIEFS OF OTHER SERVICES,  
THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OUTGOING AIR FORCE  
CHIEF MORAIS DA SILVA, LISBON MILITARY REGION

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 00303 121413Z

COMMANDER VASCO LOURENCO, NORTHERN REGION COMMANDER PIRES VELOSO, AND COMMANDER OF THE COMMANDO REGIMENT JAIME NEVES, EANES MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

-- END TO INSTITUTIONAL EGOISM: THE ARMED FORCES HAS TO END ITS FAITH IN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. CYCLICAL MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS HAVE PLAGUED PORTUGAL FOR THE PAST 150 YEARS.  
INSTITUTIONAL EGOISM, NOW WEARING A "PROGRESSIVE" LABEL, MUST

BE ELIMINATED.

-- ARMED FORCES REORGANIZATION: THE ARMED FORCES MUST DEFINE A NEW PHILOSOPHY; ACQUIRE MODERN EQUIPMENT; PROVIDE SPECIAL INSTRUCTION TO THE TROOPS; AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY TO USE DEFENSE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

-- DEFENSE OF BREVET PROMOTIONS: ONLY THROUGH THE HIERARCHICAL COMMAND IS IT POSSIBLE TO CONFRONT AN ENEMY SUCCESSFULLY. HOWEVER, UNIQUE AND DEMANDING CONDITIONS CALL FOR BREVET PROMOTIONS. THE PROMOTION OF LEMOS FERREIRA, THE MOST JUNIOR TOP RANKING AIR FORCE GENERAL, IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEED TO GO BEYOND SENIORITY.

2. COMMENT: WORRIES THAT MORAIS DA SILVA'S RESIGNATION WOULD AGGRAVATE THE TENSION BETWEEN THE PAF AND THE ARMY OVER THE BREVET PROMOTION ISSUE WERE, AT LEAST PUBLICLY, LAID TO REST BY THE CEREMONY. EANES'S WORDS AND THE PRESENCE OF THE TOP ECHELON OF ALL THREE SERVICES WERE A STRONG CONTRAST TO THE AIR FORCE BOYCOTT OF VASCO LOURENCO'S PROMOTION CEREMONY AS LISBON MILITARY REGION COMMANDER. EANES MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE AIR FORCE POSITION ON BREVET PROMOTIONS WAS NOT BINDING ON THE OTHER SERVICES.

3. DATT CONSIDERS LEMOS TO BE AN OUTSTANDING OFFICER. HE RECEIVED HIS PILOT TRAINING IN THE U.S. AND ATTENDED THE USAF COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE. LEMOS HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL IN HIS DEALING WITH EMBASSY.

CARLUCCI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INAUGURATION, MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 12-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decapton Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decapton Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977LISBON00303  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770011-1157  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** LISBON  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770159/aaaabzwt.tel  
**Line Count:** 89  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 6b5c70da-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3616665  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AIR FORCE CHIEF SWORN IN SUMMARY: GENERAL LEMOS FERREIRA WAS SWORN IN JAN 10 AS AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF.  
**HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE FROM**  
**TAGS:** MORG, PINT, PO, (FERREIRA, LEMOS)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/6b5c70da-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009